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1 Section, 12 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

Attorney General names acting district attorney for 12th Judicial Circuit Court

left by former District Attorney the 20th Judicial Circuit (Henry 2002. appointed to a judgeship. 1973 until 1987; as Chief of the Dothan.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, Sorrells will serve as district Drug Enforcement Division of Alabama Attorney General Bill attorney until such time that the the Attorney General's office Pryor named Tom Sorrells as Governor appoints a permanent from 1987 until 1992; and as acting District Attorney for the district attorney for Pike and executive director of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Coffee counties. He previously Alabama District Attorney's Sorrells will fill the vacancy served as district attorney for Association from 1993 until Mark Fuller, who has been and Houston counties) from Sorrells currently resides in

Motorists urged to drive safely during holidays

travel on Alabama's roadways, Alabama during the 30-hour the crash victims were not according to the Alabama period from 6 p.m. Tuesday, using safety belts.

State troopers once again urge bly during the holiday season. Dec. 31, through midnight motorists to drive safely and and I caution those who are Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003. defensively throughout the tempted to break Alabama's Last year, 16 people died Christmas and New Year's holi- DUI laws that the consequences during the 102-hour New are not worth it." All available troopers will be The traffic fatality prediction rural roads and six in urban

Department of Public Safety.

December is National Drunk

Workforce Commission set to

Alabama troopers are joining The nearly 50,000 requests state's economic development. with law enforcement agencies for applications to train for the The Commission is composed nationwide to focus attention on 4,350 Alabama jobs created by of state education leaders, the dangers of impaired driving. Honda, Mercedes-Benz and industry representatives and Throughout the holidays. Toyota in the past year show the economic development repretroopers will emphasize DUI strength of Alabama's work- sentatives. Alabama Industrial enforcement during patrols and force. Sustaining that workforce Development Training Director checkpoints in an effort to pre- strength to meet future employ- Ed Castile was named chairman vent impaired driving and ment demands is the goal of the of the commission which will Development Commission. The state and federal workforce "The holiday season is a spe-cial time for families and loved coordinate efforts by state agen-

coordinate efforts by state agen- group plans to work closely with ones but is unfortunately cies and private businesses to incoming Gov. Bob Riley's marked by tragedy and loss for sustain a statewide workforce administration and state legislasome," said Gov. Don development system that pro- tors to secure adequate funding Siegelman. "Alabama does not vides Alabama residents with

on patrol during peak holiday for New Year's is that four peo- areas. At least six of the deaths travel times to help ensure safe ple will die in traffic crashes in were alcohol related, and 10 of

Prevention (3-D) Month, and coordinate job training resources

Workforce serve as a focal point for local,



COLORFUL LEAVES It is late December but many of the area trees are displaying unusually vivid tolerate drinking and driving. I opportunities to achieve their Please See WORK, Page 3 colors for South Alabama, and especially this late in the season. Beauty like this needs to be appreciated and all the season. ed, even by those of us busily chasing the world and all the other rewards it holds for us.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at 2002 before entering 2003

made from flakes left on cars in Jimmy Holley in Enterprise. County. appointed by New Brockton FEBRUARY

ture) - Town of New Brockton Month.

Siegelman announces that the members receive updates from card operation. Senior Farmers Market 2001 figures; Commissioner

tions; Elba School sends two to the hospital; pancake breakfast. Superintendent Danny Weeks Coffee County Commission speaks to Elba Lions Club mem- thanks Senator Jimmy Holley March 14 - Zion Chapel

Ir. with walk; U.S. Senator Jeff February 21 - Elba Police con- Chamber of Commerce holds announces bid for Coffee Brockton High School cheer- roads contributed to a minor Sessions discusses federal edu- tinue investigation of mobile ribbon cutting for Nissee's County cation bill during Enterprise home fires; Twelfth Judicial Closet, visit; New Brockton Police Circuit District Attorney's office recover items stolen from a res- plans worthless check round-up; March 21 - Gov. Siegelman County Board of Education, celebration; (picture) - Clearing idence on Durham Street; (pic- Docket call held for Elba promotes constitutional conven- District One, seat; Caridon process begins for massive Elba Please See YEAR, Page 7 are) - Elba citizen Mark Division of Coffee County tion in Enterprise appearance; Grant seeks Coffee County levee rehab project.

Town Council to serve as coun- February 7 - Elba man charged March 7 - Large increase in collection; Greg White from citizens concerning plants in Shiloh community; cil member during the absence following incident involving a grass fires alarms New announces bid for Alabama vicious dogs; Coffee County of Rodger Harrison; (picture) - gun at the Coffee County Jail; Brockton officials; Recovery of Senate's District 31 seat; Robert Extension implements "Making nation at Elba High School Extension implements "Making nation at Elba High School Extension implements" Dorsey Trailers held an official (picture) - Elba chamber directires, explosives, drugs and Helms announces candidacy for Academics Count"; (picture) -Dorsey Trailers held an official (picture) - Elba chamber director Kaye Whitworth "arrested" by Elba High student Aaron by Elba High student Aaron Elba following search of his rest files papers seeking reelection files papers seeking reelection for the control of the control January 17 Local law annual Groundhog Day idence; Hot water heater found to Alabama's Second Temporations of Temporations annual Groundhog Day idence; Hot water heater found to Alabama's Second Temporations enforcement agencies receive Shadowing program; New guilty for flood at Coffee Congressional District. funding for traffic safety equip- Brockton Town Council tables County Jail; (picture) - New ment; (picture) - Students from idea of annexation; City of Elba Brockton Mayor Charles Cole APRIL the ag department at Enterprise begins strict enforcement of presents plaque to police depart
May 2 - Jim and Elaine Dodd

without serious injury; Coffee High School dig footing for non-operating vehicle ordi-Habitat for Humanity home; nance.

Ment for its efforts with Department responds to single statewide seat belt campaign; vehicle accident in Friendship (nightyre) - Adolph Flowers of (nightyre

Humanity of Coffee County Flame made its way from optimistic about financial robbery which occurred at a res-

has been signed by president; of joint grant application to fund. Probate Judge William Gammill ness show off the snowman they Reception held for Senator to run for sheriff of Coffee County Commissioner approves addi-

tables approval of joint grant February 14 - Coffee County join "A New You in 02"; Town Council limits use of new condent on 118 Highway 24 during Memorial Day application for Mount Pleasant and Ino Senior Citizen Centers; Status of Zion Chapel ball field Police as second suspect in Feb. Day returns to courthouse accident on U.S. Highway 84 Ceremony at Veterans Park in Without serious injury; Coffee Elba.

January 3 - Habitat for torch carrier as the Olympic Board of Education members ment searching for suspect of One, seat. breaks ground at the site of its Atlanta, Ga. to Salt Lake City, report; The DOLLAR BEE Plus idence north of Elba; (picture) - April 18 - Elba School Board Commission approves motion to

Nutrition Program funding bill Robert Stephens gets approval February 28 - Coffee County Scholarship program. January 10 - Jack Water Nutrition Program; U.S. way policy for county roads; positive financial statement; System becomes victim of crim- Congressman Terry Everett Abandoned vehicle project pro- (picture) - Children of Young April 25 - (picture) - Fire May 23 - Coffee County Board inal mischief and theft; (picture) appointed to House Intelligence gresses in Elba; R.W. World of Learning DayCare destroys house in Victoria com-- Employees of one Elba busi- Committee; (picture) - Whitworth announces his plans await visit from Easter bunny; munity; Coffee County Academics County resolution,

year for the county's solid waste City Council hears complaints

Elba residents encouraged to community; New Brockton (picture) - Adolph Flowers of "Huey" helicopter dedicated Elba City Council hears report project; (picture) - Single vehi- 19 armed robbery; (picture) - square; Larry Dickey announces County engineer Randy Tindell of 4-wheeler traffic law viola- cle accident on County Rd. 513 Elba Lions Club holds annual candidacy for Coffee County says today's landfill much JUNE

and Representative Terry receives \$70,000 check to com- April 11 - Petitions begin circu- Revenue Commissioner; (pic- Volunteer firefighters from Five Spicer; Students take advantage plete ball field project; Coffee lating for wet/dry election in ture) - Elba Chamber of Star, Zion Chapel and New January 24 - U.S. Senator of Coffee County's SAFE County Commissioners express Elba; Coffee County Youth Commerce holds ribbon cutting Brockton responded a wood-Richard Shelby discusses farm School; (picture) - Elba High concern over jail flooding; Elba Leadership graduates second for Jones Veterinary Hospital. working shop fire on County bill while visiting Elba; (pic- School celebrates Black History resident Wesley DeVane class; County citizens voice announces candidacy for Coffee opposition to landfill permit May 9 - Wiregrass landfills face of Education receives unitary County Sheriff; (picture) - Elba modification; Donnie Farris changes; (picture) - New status report; (picture) - Wet

Vaughan served as an Olympic Criminal Court term; Elba Coffee County Sheriff's depart- Board of Education, District May 16 - Elba breaks ground on

says "goodbye" to Elba with Four Elba High School students hears proposal to terminate apply for landfill permit modififinal sale; Angela Hill of Elba recognized by The Ronald agribusiness program; County cation; To help Elba City School cautious optimism; Gov. January 31 - Elba Council arrested for fraudulent credit McDonald House Charities of Board of Education holds off on System, Elba Water and Electric Central and South Alabama's buying new textbooks; (picture) Board approves \$5 volunteer Future Black Leaders - Work begins on Ballard Bridge utility fee; Employees of The project; Tom Dyess announces Peoples Bank in Elba assist Elba candidacy for Coffee County Police officers in capturing a (picture) - DAR Good Citizen Ino and Mount Pleasant Senior responds to audit; Otis Daniels March 28 - Wet/Dry referen- Board of Education, District theft of property suspect; awardees throughout Coffee Citizen Centers; Commissioner of Elba arrested for armed rob- dum proposed to Elba City One, seat; Deborah Sims Charles Walker seeking reelec-County presented at luncheon. Bernest Brooks asks for support bery; Coffee County Council; Elba Board of announces bid for Coffee tion to Coffee County Board of of Senior Farmers Market Commission amends right-of- Education members receive County Revenue Commissioner. Education, District One, seat.

Board of Education, District improved over yesterday's June 6 - Coffee County voters dump; Ronnie Burns seeking nominate party candidates durreelection as Coffee County ing primary election; (picture) -

Revenue leader Bettie Brust kisses a pig accident on Hwy. 189 when the Commissioner; Keith Ward for money; New Brockton driven by Loretta Stokes of Elba announces candidacy for Coffee preparing for June centennial spun off the roadway.

renews Mark Dunning tional \$7,500 to keep emergency \$206,515 for relay for life; Industries contract one more medical service provider; Elba Coffee County Sheriff's

> escapee captured in Coffee County; (picture) - Victims escape collision at intersection of Elba named 2002 Foster County Commission approves

EDITORIAL.

With Ferrin Cox

from heading the President's blue ribbon task force on the 9-11 that due to a delay in mailing property tax notices study. His personal reasons were because of his private conthroughout Coffee County, he has received permission sulting clients, and that could be a real problem. More than from state officials to extend the deadline for paying have direct political differences with the Arabs, and possibly property taxes without a penalty. likely he consults for several countries and/or groups which directly opposed to those of the Muslin faith. However, even Coffee County property owners will have until January without that consulting business tie, Kissinger is too closely 31st, 2003 to pay any property taxes due. However those associated with his Jewish blood and beliefs to ever convince tax payers expecting to use the property tax as an income the world that any decision his committee would possibly make tax deduction in 2002 need to check with their tax was unbiased.

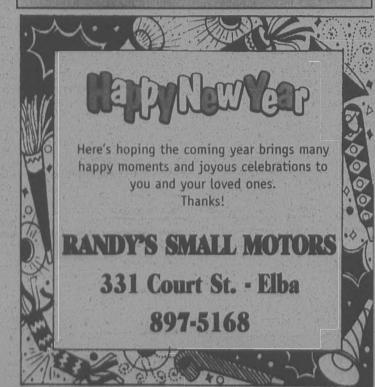
Trent Lott did it Friday morning. Back room political pressure from fellow Republicans lead to the brief announcement that he Spring semester begins Jan. 13 at ESJC would not seek another term as the majority leader in the U.S. Senate. We predicted this outcome right here last week but it Enterprise. State Junior adult education basic courses was really a no-brainer prediction. Probably everyone but Lott College's 2003 Spring Semester teaching reading, math, English already knew it had to happen. We can blame the sorry, medmies, the mean ole Democrats, etc., but the bottom line is probably "a little of all the above." Explanations will abound. It and the Ft. Rucker campus will taking courses through any probegan Friday with an editorial type e-mail we received promoting the theory that Lott should have apologized once and courses. In addition to that, es, call the main campus at 334only once . . . that would have saved his position. We didn't some courses will be offered 393-ESJC, ext. 234, the Ft. read the whole thing, just enough to get the above gist of the weekends and on the internet. A Rucker campus at 598-3438, or GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED...It's not uncommon to find local message. It is all hindsight now, so we moved on to something variety of study options are also visit the website

It is amazing to see the city of Montgomery issue two parade with courses offered for any permits for the same time of the same day and on some of the major field of study, career prosame streets. Both the incoming governor of Alabama and sup- grams with one- and two-yearports of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration claim to certificates, training for employhold parade permits for January 20th. The real disappointing ees at Wiregrass businesses and part of this is the quote from a Montgomery city official (quot- industries, courses to enhance ed in the Montgomery newspaper) saying they hoped the two current job skills, leisure-time sides could work out their differences! What if they don't? special interest courses, and free Then Montgomery officials could have two parades either crossing each other or trying to march up the same street at the same time. Not only would that present management problems but it would be a potential for physical problems as well. Also it would give the world a very clear picture of us hicks in it's our policy Alabama as truly being those unorganized, slow thinking rednecks they had always heard about in the South. Montgomery officials played politics, avoided deciding exactly which group would get the January 20th parade permit and now are hoping "they" will work it out. We always understood that the permit system was there to provide city officials with a tool to prevent exactly what could happen in this case.

If you have any holiday leftovers, don't bring them around here. Our freezer still has some frozen remains from the Thanksgiving feast. Now with our own Christmas dinner leavings to deal with, there is simply no way to help any of our friends finish off theirs.

Recently there was a front page story in an Enterprise newspaper quoting Circuit Judge Gary McAliley as saying he wanted to be the District Attorney. Now we had been hearing that story around the water coolers and coffee pots for some time, but was shocked to read he was actually advocating such a move. Of course what seems like a weird idea to us, gets even weirder if a person stands around a while and listens. It will be educational to witness the outcome of this story and/or chain of events and compare what actually happens to the story patched together as it has passed from one person's lips to another's

Have A Safe & Happy Holiday!!



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Coffee County Property owners get extension on paying property taxes

Henry Kissinger did the right thing last week by stepping away Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns has announced

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at citizens giving to those in need, especially during the holiday season, and Pearl Reeves, owner of Pearl's Deli, collects and gives a donation each year to the Coffee County Department of Human Resources. This year, Reeves was able to present a check in the amount of \$76 to the organization. Clarissa Gibson (right) accepted he check on behalf of the Coffee County Department of Human Resources and said the money would be used to help provide a good Christmas for the children in foster care and protective services.



NOTICE

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for the Jan. 2, 2003 edition of the paper.

All Church and Social News will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27. All Advertising

and other news will be due by 12 Noon on Monday, Dec.

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Local school board member among those honored at AASB convention

Several southeast Alabama and Troy city school boards. school board members were. The board members were honamong 172 board members ored for advancing to the next statewide honored December 7 level of the School Board for their achievements in the Member Academy.

Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, County.

Eufaula, Geneva, Opp. Ozark

Alabama Association of School Seven of the board members Boards' School Board Member achieved Level I in the Academy. They were recog- Academy, which requires 50 nized during AASB's annual boardmanship training credits convention in Birmingham. and one core course. They are: The 17 board members recog- Annette Griswold of Coffee nized during the convention are County, James Rodgers of from AASB's District 3, which Covington County, Jannie Day comprises the Barbour, Coffee, of Crenshaw County, Doug Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Vickers of Enterprise, Anita Geneva, Henry, Houston and Tyrues of Geneva, Martha Pike county school boards, and Jackson of Ozark and Rev.

City of Elba employees gather for annual Christmas Party

the Andalusia, Daleville, Herbert Reynolds of Pike

City of Elba employees along with their families gathered Thursday Dec. 12, for the annual city Christmas party. The nearly 200 in attendance enjoyed good food and fellowship as they celebrated the holiday season together. Below are a few scenes from the evening's



The employees of The National Security Group joined others in giving this Christmas season as they collected toys for Operation Santa Claus which was conducted by the Elba Recreation Center. A huge variety of toys and games were collected to be given to the children being served by Operation Santa Claus. Once the collection process was completed, representatives from the rec, center picked the toys and prepared them for "special delivery.

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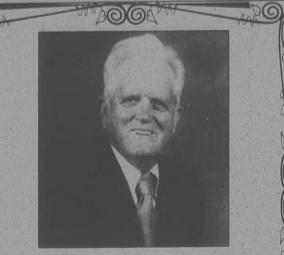
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for workforce development Alabama Alabama College System,

programs and to identify critical Development Training, state workforce development issues Workforce Investment Board, those programs must address, the state Department of The commission was estab- Education, the Governor's lished by Gov. Don Siegelman. Office, the Alabama Department At its organizational meeting, of Economic and Community the commission agreed to devel- Affairs, the University of op a plan to coordinate educa- Alabama System, the Alabama tional and technical training Development Office, the programs to increase accounta- Alabama Technology Network, bility and reduce duplication of the state Department of services. That plan will serve as Industrial Relations, the he basis for legislative and pol- Economic Development icy recommendations to the Association of Alabama, labor governor's office and the organizations. Mercedes-Benz Alabama Legislature, Members USI, HealthSouth, and Toyota of the commission represent the Motor Manufacturing Alabama.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY



In Loving Memory of Bennie D. Blackmon

It's lonesome here without you. We miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same, Since you went away. When days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong. We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on." Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in the Lord's hands now, We'll meet again someday. From His Wife and Children





DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 2

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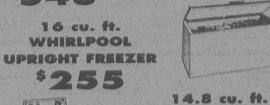
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Roy Davis First Assembly of God-Elba

In Psalms 105:2, the Bible says, "Bless the Lord O my soul and

Do you know there is nothing in the world worse than ingrate? It's the child who forgets the gifts of yesterday and asks, "What have you done for me today?" It's the employee taken off the street by the compassionate foreman who now fiddles away the hours doing lit- Praise and Worship Service December 31 tle as possible. It's the husband who always has clean clothes and Non-Denominational Gospel Center. Open Alter & Bring Tonya Smith. Wesley Kelley, Deacon and Laymen's Union nutritious meals and has never said to his wife, "I appreciate you." Singing and Praise and Worship Your Own Bible. For more Ella M. Brooks, Wallace will convene at the Friendship

Ingratitude is like a poorly oiled machine that constantly produces December 31, 2002 - January 1, Gus and Carrie Grant 897-6793, ***December Birthdays and December 29, 2002. What are you offering to God? Words filled with complaint or a the Tarentum Community 897-2337.

and yellow.

the poinsettia, are actually mod- in leaf drop.

ified leaves. The poinsettia Place poinsettias in a good

lower is small, yellow and in location for its growing needs, he middle of the bracts. even if such a location is not the

To ensure you have a beauti- most prominent place to display

ful plant throughout the season it. You can put the plant on dis-

and a long-living houseplant play when you have company.

dency." It comes as the result of a short memory.

Praise and Glory Worship Center to host New Year's Singing

heart full of gratitude?

Praise and Glory Worship Center, near the New Brockton Vibrant red poinsettias are the insects. High School, will host a New usual picks for the holiday sea- Before you leave the store, Don't fertilize poinsettia

Water and Crimson River. Refreshments will be served. and everyone is invited.

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begins before you leave the not direct, sunlight. Put them First, buy a high-quality sunlight could discolor the should have flowers just begin- light can cause poinsettias to ning to open, or better still, the lose leaves. plant should have fully colored Poinsettias won't tolerate practs with the flower buds still moisture extremes so don't keep

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Coffee County Baptist Institute of Samford University to begin classes January 13

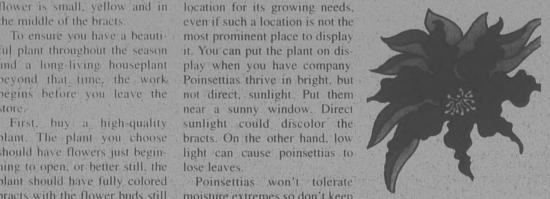
The Coffee County Baptist Rev. Leon Adams. Classes begin Institute of Samford University on January 13 and continue will begin classes on Monday, through May 31, 2003. January 13, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Scholarships are available to the Coffee County Baptist those who qualify. For more Center at 603 E. McKinnon in information contact James New Brockton. II Corinthians Preachers at 347-6717 or will be taught by Dr. John Samford University Extension Granger and Growing in the at (205)726-2731. Christian Life will be taught by

Dorcas Baptist Church to hold Non-Denominational you: Leo Henderson, Lovie Anniversary).

No wonder someone said that "Ingratitude is the father of despon- Service sponsored by Dorcas information please contact Mike Belcher, Lela Tyson and Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Baptist Church will be held and Mavis Flowers at 566-0477. Alice Blue. 2003, 5:00 p.m. - 12:01 a.m. in Brenton and Margaret Johnson Wedding Anniversaries: Lucy ***Mrs. Bettye Burkes of Elba

How to take care of Christmas Poinsettias bracts to almost the base of the excellent care. The maturity of Of): Kenneth Daniels - family for the Christmas plant. The leaves should be poinsettia plants when pur-December 25; Shane Williams - Holidays.

completely free of disease and chased also plays a role in their son. However, there are a wide ask for a protective sleeve so plants until after Christmas. Use beginning at 8 p.m. and ending variety of other colors including frigid wind or rain won't hit the a soluble fertilizer at a rate of and Rowwell Copes - December Featured guests will be Still pink, white, marbled, speckled plant as you transport it. Blasts about 1/4-teaspoon per gallon of 28 (Wedding Anniversary); of cold air of less than 50 F can water. This should be done once Bracts, the colorful parts of severely shock a plant and result a month until April. In early April, cut the plant



green and very tightly closed. potting mix too wet or too dry. If back to six to eight inches in required). Third, a student may campus, or by visiting the web-The plant should have dark allowed to dry out too much, the height and place it in the shade register anytime via the internet site. green leaves attached from the plants wilt and drop leaves. If outside Keep the plant watered. they remain in standing water. Fertilize the poinsettia regularly s plants to decline. may have to prune your plant Keep poinsettias away from some during the summer to keep heat vents and outside doors or it bushy. But don't prune anywindows and try to keep the more after September 1. In June, temperature at 70 F or lower, repot the poinsettia to a larger Setting the plant's container in a pot. Use a potting mix similar in gravel-filled pan containing composition to the one which water will keep the humidity it's currently growing. Bring the higher around the plant plant indoors before threat of DISCOUNT However, don't let the bottom of cool weather.

the pot stand in water. Poinsettias can be induced to Poinsettias can live many rebloom. The process begins In years because they're perennial October. Even if reblooming is plants. They are usually most successfully achieved, the plant attractive in the home for two to is usually of inferior quality to four weeks but can last six to those purchased each year.

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Scripture: Luke 2:1-17

***Thinking of you, praying for December 31 (Wedding Hooks, Marie Tillis, Rev. E. ***The Mulberry Missionary Magwood, Annie M. Daniels, Baptist District Ministers and

Wright - December 23; Lucille visited Eria Lindsey Belcher Hammonds - December 23; recently Tom Hooks - December 23: ***Melissa Y. Kelley, student at Shaeunna Sha' Rae Hammonds Alabama State University, December 24; Grover Belcher, Montgomery, Ala. visited her Sr. - December 23 (In Memory mother, Ernestine Kelley and

December 25; Mary Nell Harris Merry Christmas and a Happy December 25; Mary Sue New Year! Today is a good day: Dawson - December 27; Elsie be grateful!

Jonathan Head - December 29:

and Rev. and Sis. A.R. Williams

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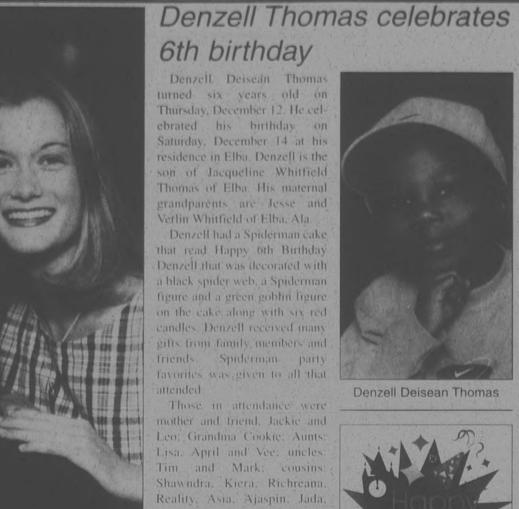
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Malakoff, Texas announce the F. Meacham, the late Mrs. Pearl

engagement of their daughter. Meacham, and the late Mr. and

Sara Marie Stice to Charles Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, Sr., all of

Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, Jr. of The bride-elect is employed

The bride-elect is the grand-groom-to-be is employed by

laughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C.F. Jordan, LP, both in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Rhodes, of The wedding is planned for

Tole and Decorative Painting ate brush strokes. There is a is such a popular special interest \$35.00 fee for this course.

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January 16-Fébruary 20, 6:00- broad range in the cost of sup-

9:00 p.m. The registration dead- plies. If students have some

course provides instruction for low as \$30.00. If the student

beginners and advanced owns no supplies and needs to

painters. Painting will be done purchase everything, the cost

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Students will learn how to pre- Students must be at least twelve.

Laura Hall & Jimmy Smith Anna Stokes and Greg Sullins

rials, and how to use appropri-

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wed February 22 in Elba

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Rockwall, Texas.

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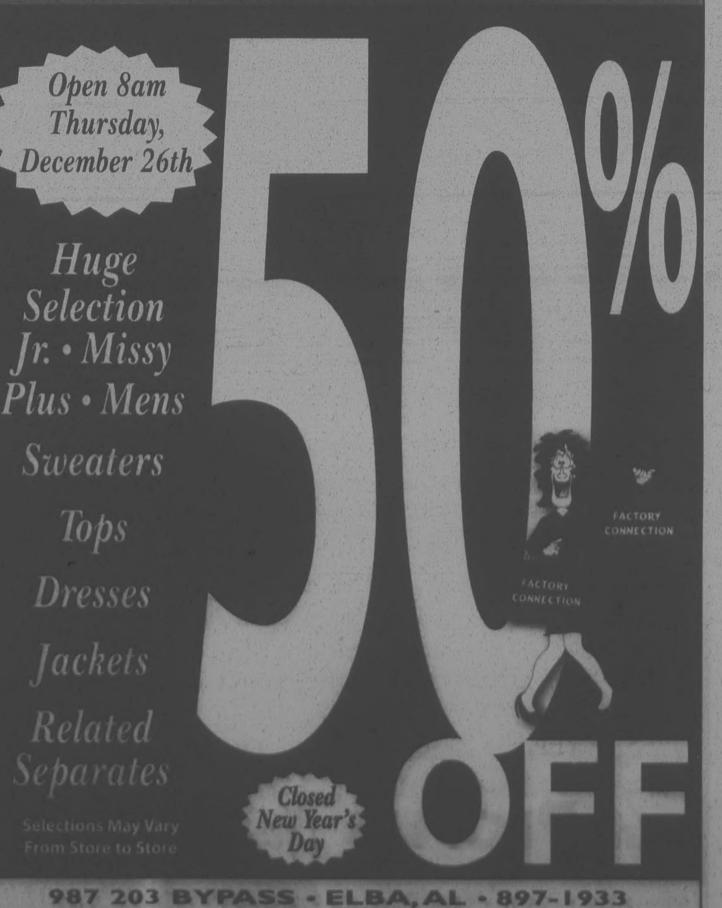
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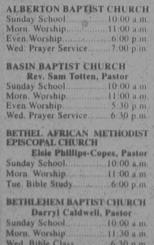
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Making a Resolution

by Mary Katherine Head

Each year many people make New Year's Resolutions. I asked several students and teachers at Elba High just how they planned to make changes in their life during the new year. Katie Dyess - to finish fixing up my car

Shae Thigpen - to get my license

Katie Driggers - to not get Marcus Henderson - to dunk

without choking Ben Dye - to cut back on my 'extra-curricular" activities Anna Anderson - to try and stay out of trouble

Michelle Weston - to run a mile twice a week Christy Eubanks - to expand my vocabulary, choose better, clearer words, and not get

tongue-tied so much Roneene Brown - to act crazier than I already do and do what I do best, better.

get home on time

and try and be more like P and B accessories on my truck by Christmas of next year

Mrs. Pattie - to buy Mrs. Norris a supply of HGW Brittany Cooper - to try and not get caught any more Sheena Flowers - to get out

class next semester with all my fingers and toes Kimberly Farris - to try and practice my clarinet more often Courtney Pelham - to exer-

cise more Colby Capps - to win a state

Mrs. Weeks and the EHS wonderful and determined want a toy Army plane and a Dear Santa Jason Curran - to find Gus a legitimate girlfriend Hannah Martin - to be more

Trait by Alex Benbow

This week at EHS our character trait to know is patience. Most have an idea of patience, but some have no concept of it. The definition I found in Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary says that

lege's 17 technical career fields, call 493-3573.

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Editor: Sheena Flowers

Ralston Moore - to try and The Elba agriscience third and fourth block classes were busy the Caesar, in 46 BC, established day of the year will have a great week of homecoming with several projects. One of the projects that what is now called the Julian impact on the year. So, natural-Lance Cross - to play at least was underway was the construction of a set of wooden steps to help calendar. January 1 remained ly it is common that people one basketball game before the the honored class to get onto their trailer. The steps were construct. New Year's Day, but to keep the throw big parties on New Year's ed in two days along with other projects needed by various other calendar synchronized with the Eve that last all night through Mrs. Norris - to walk more clubs and teachers on campus.

Lacy Carlile - to have all my EHS Ambassadors end first term

The EHS Ambassadors have tastic job during the semester. finished their first semester, and hopefully will have even Throughout the first few greater success as the new Several students at EES wrote toys, and a clock, and new doll months, they have helped with semester begins. Recently the letters to Santa. Here's what for my Brithday March the 2dth several functions in their com- Ambassadors have celebrated they have to say, word for word. Your frined, Kerra tyson munity and school. They have their efforts with a Christmas of Mrs. Norris's AP English done the lawn care for the party at Kelley's BBQ. (It was Dear Santa, Habitat for Humanity house: absolutely delicious!) Being an I want a tpampalene, a go-cart. I want a peare of skate shoes. I they have helped decorate the Ambassador myself. I am per playstation games, polly pocket want a Bas capnap Br3. I want square for the Christmas haps a little partial to the group. play set, new born baby. Festival; they rang the bell for but I feel very satisfied with the Your friend, Harley the Salvation Army; and they organization, the sponsor, and have acted as representatives for the students involved, and I am Dear Santa,

their school on and off campus. very happy to be a part of such a 1 want a pettle car and a chair. 1 Ambassadors have done a fan- group.

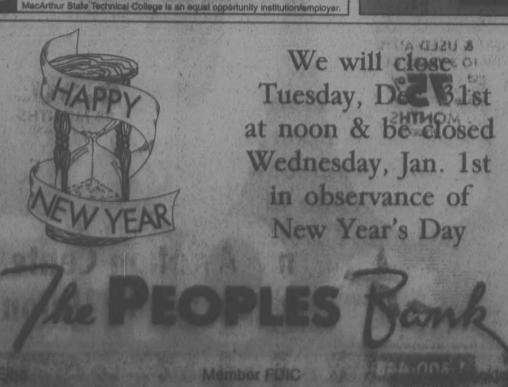


to have patience is being capa- Part of Elba's FFA officer team attended the State FFA ble of bearing affliction calmly. Convention in Montgomery, Ala., in June 4-6. The two members in

attendance were Blake Lambert I want Lap top and good will for christmas. I want a I want bunes Monday was honored with and Colby Skinner. They, along everone. **Technically** with Mr. Davis, FFA advisor, stayed at the Embassy Suites Speaking... Hotel just across the street from

the civic center. The officers were involved in delegate meetscording to the Technical Education Resource Monitor | ings, open sessions and award TERM), 90% of today's jobs require technical education | ceremonies. The open sessions yond high school. For more information on any of the were made more interesting by the guest motivational speakers. which were present. The trip was packed full of fun and excitement, with the attending some local recreational facilities and historical sites while on the trip.





Origin of the New Year's Day holiday

445 days.

by Blake Brunson ous year drag on for a lengthy surrounded by friends and fami-

nized with the sun. So, in 153 just 11 years later. BC; the Roman senate decided People have been superstito set things straight, declaring tious about luck in the New Year January I New Year's Day. The basically since it has been tampering continued until about around. It is thought by most 100 years later, when Julius that what they do or eat the first

Your friend, Garrett

Your friend, Shannon

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

rockningthees

and a computer

Your friend, Chad

Your friend, Hayden

Dear Santa,

Your friend, Shakieva

Your friend, Devin

guitar and a rang and braislette

I wood want the new #24 cap

and a shirt, and a bike, and some

sun. Caesar had to let the previ- the next morning where they are

Writing to Santa

Submitted by Mary Katherine Head

CP

want a Go-Cart, Bike, and gocart a max still

would like a CD Player and a And a moter forwiler

ce maker and play food and a Your frind, mason.

I want a Computer, and a flute, your friend, Amanda

PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Kaci Grantham)... Coach

ledsee poses for the picture while watching his attempted 3.

Your friend, Kayla

some Dragon Ball Z toys a t

Your friend, Ahpherhoo

chistmas. I want a

The celebration of New Like all other holidays, New some that their first visitor Year's Day on January I seems Year's Day comes with many determined whether their luck like one of those holidays that unique traditions. One popular would be good or bad throughhas surely been around forever, tradition is to make resolutions, out the new year, and it was and though it is our oldest holi- a tradition that also dates back especially lucky if the first visiday, it too had an origin. to the early Babylonian New tor was a tall, dark-haired man. The celebration of New Years. Today, a popular resolu- Many believe that foods can Year's started about 4000 years tion might be to lose weight or bring luck, depending on where igo in ancient Babylon, in quit smoking, while back then, you are. No true southerner in which the Babylonians partied the most popular resolution was their right mind would skip eatfor eleven days straight. Around to borrow farm equipment, ing black-eyed peas on New 2000 BC, the new year began The Tournament of the Roses Year's, while the Dutch prefer with the first New Moon after Parade began in 1886 when doughnuts, the Vernal Equinox, or first day members of the Valley Hunt. Now that you know all the

of Spring. This is actually a Club decorated their carriages facts about America's oldest more logical time to begin a with flowers to celebrate the holiday, there is no reason why new year rather than January 1. ripening of the orange crop in 2003 can't be your best year. So since spring is the season of California. The traditional Rose when the clock strikes 12 on ebirth and blossoming. Bowl football game was first New Year's Eve, make sure The Romans continued to played in 1902. But here's a you're surrounded by friends observe the New Year in late shocker! The following year it and family, have a large supply March but the Roman emperors was replaced by chariot races! of black-eyed peas on the stove. tampered with the calendar so Don't worry. Football returned and have a tall, dark-haired, much that it became unsynchroass the center of the festivities preferably handsome, man standing outside your door.

ly. It used to be believed by



by Shawna Hill



a clock. I want a peare of Books. I want a pedreof cupck Gleaming in this week's spotlight is junior Jeremiah Prettyman. He is the 17-yearold son of Janice and Gregg

Prettyman. helacopter I want a carberater. I wont three Gi Joes a four willer ten power Rangers one Windham Lumber Company magasord a play station a Bike and has numerous hobbies such as going to the movies, football. music, working on cars and hanging out with friends and

I wode like a pettle boat. And a Prettyman!!! want a go cart, and a van and 1 22. a conputer. With a printer. got my CD player and I want a And a key bord to go with it E.E.S. celebrates And a real moter go cart. With big wills on the back, and little National Children's lonemorr wils on the frunt, and Book Week

> During the week of November 18-22 students at Elba Elementary School celebrated National Children's Book Week. I want a Barbie jeep for christ- Students celebrated by enjoymas. I want a house for christ- ing a different activity each day mas. I want a gene peg for of the week.

for christmas. I want a bra for "Words on Shirts Day," students

christmas. I want a isckaer gril were asked to wear sweatshirts for chistmas. I want a blaleg for or T-shirt that had printed words chistmas. I want a chik for chrst- written on them. Tuesday was mas. I want a play hoas for "Sock it to Me Day," students chistmas. I want a bad Jep for wore crazy socks. Wednesday chistmas. I want a cat in bos for was "Hats of to Books." on this day students were allowed to wear their favorite hat to school. Thursday was "Read a Hot Book Day,"students were asked sunglasses. Friday was "Sweat Off a Good Book Day," as and you may have guessed, students wore sweatshirts of their choice. In recognition of the book celebration library classes played a game similar to the game show To Tell the Truth. By asking each other questions students determined who truly had read a



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New Brockton Town Council meeting: (picture) - Faculty AUGUST

Delta 88; Daniel Stephens vacated by Stephens.

ture) - Annabelle Wilkes ees with service plaques. receives plaque of appreciation

McCall honored with a retire- ment increase while Larry

approved a tobacco tax for the quito problem. town; Jerry Barnes named principal of Zion Chapel High August 22 - Contracts awarded Moore.

Commission donates a piece of land to the City of Elba for the August 29 - Crooked bridge fire truck. Jim Folsom home to be moved removal project started then

July 25 - Coffee County ground. Commission says votes down motion to rotate chairmanship: SEPTEMBER (picture) - Elba Marching Tiger September 5 - Several down- business's parking lot. Band conducts annual band town roads in Elba get facelift Yellowjackets nest discovered green light and contractor paving project; (picture) - Elba

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er school year; Coffee County vehicle accident at intersection tion; (picture) - Elba Chamber was conducted on Nov. 5. June 20 - Coffee County's Board of Education battles per- of Alabama Bypass 203 and of Commerce hold a ribbon SAFE School considered a suc- sonnel changes; Elba Hwy. 87; Representative Terry cutting ceremony for The Shoe November 28 - ABC officials - The Alabama Department of cess in first year; (picture) - Diagnostic Lab set to receive Spicer and Senator Jimmy Box. Elba emergency personnel \$750,000; Senator Jimmy Holley present the Coffee responded to a two-vehicle Holley provides Elba Rotary County Commission with a October 24 - (picture) - A huge arrested Michael Bullard, four-laning of Hwy. 84; Habitat accident on Claxton Ave. Club with U.S. Hwy. 84 project check equaling \$1,172,274 to crowd of Elba Marching Tiger Curtis Community, on various for Humanity of Coffee County involving a 1996 Honda update; State health officer resurface roads; Town of New Alumni gathered at halftime of drug charges; (picture) - helped the Olean Smith family Accord and a 1984 Oldsmobile issues alert for West Nile Virus. Brockton addresses West Nile the Homecoming football game Several Elba High School of Elba realize its dream of rotates off Elba Board of August 8 - Citizens asked to confirmed to have the illness; Marching Tiger Band program; Hays helped the Elba Chamber ceremony was conducted for

Brockton hoping new taxes

from Coffee County August 15 - (picture) - Elba made aware of West Nile Virus Local beauty queens prepare enjoys one of its largest Christmas edition of The Elba Commissioner Linda firemen fill the boot for MDA concern by New Brockton for Miss National Peanut Christmas parades ever to con- Clipper featured the Dr. Tim Westbrook for her contribu- to support Jerry's Kids; Coffee Mayor Charles Cole; Coffee Festival pageant. tions benefiting the Zion County Commission meeting County Family Services plans Chapel Senior Citizen Center; intense as Commissioner Jim annual Breast Cancer Forum October 31 - Elba voters Commission give sheriff okay Elba City County sets Elba Thompson takes offense to a and assures women that early reminded that Wet/Dry election to acquire automated finger- December 26 - A look back at Wet/Dry vote for Nov. 5 elec- letter written by Commissioner detection is the best medicine to be held separately from the printing equipment for jail; the year that was 2002. tion; Coffee County Bernest Brooks concerning the for fighting the disease; (pic-county's general election on New Brockton Town Council Commission votes to allow manner in which the commis- ture) - Failure to yield causes Nov. 5; Ownership of Beaver donations for road paving and sion elects its chairman; Coffee yet another two-vehicle acci- Dam Street discussed during upkeep; (picture) - Janice County Schools show enroll- dent in Elba. ment celebration following 26 Eddins is sworn in to assume September 26 - Town of Elba levee rehab project; years of service with the Coffee the District Six seat on the Kinston holds groundbreaking Coffee County Commission County Circuit Clerk's office. board following the resignation ceremony for its senior citizen receives new that grant applica-

Council holds town hall meet. West Nile Virus; Coffee tions from SSGT Maryk

for Elba levee rehab project; (picture) - the Coffee County OCTOBER

halted by state officials; U.S. October 10 - Trio of public serfrom Deer Range, Ala. after

marching season; Huge bridge removal project gets approves additional street

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Virus issue after one resident is to celebrate 60 years of the Ambassadors included Heather owning a home as a dedication

Elba City Council meeting; (picture) - Work begins on the

of Gene Barksdale; Officials center; (picture) - The New tion for Mount Pleasant and Ino continue to urge citizens to Brockton Police and Fire Senior Citizen Centers had July 4 - New Brockton Town avoid mosquitoes due to the departments receive flag dona- been approved. ing to discuss financial situa- County Commission makes a Hawkins; Coffee County NOVEMBER tion options with residents; presentation to the Billy Joe Commission awards annual November 7 - Elba voters During its regular meeting, the Richburg family in his memo- bids; Elba City Council joins show support for the sale of New Brockton Town Council ry, City of Elba addresses mos- debate over I-10 connector; alcoholic beverages within the

Coffee County officials search city limits by voting yes on the for escaped jail inmate Larry wet/dry referendum; (picture) -July 11 - Mark Coale assumes Courthouse celebrates its 99th October 3 - Elba Chamber of Elba Chamber of Commerce; position as principal at Kinston birthday. Coffee County Board Commerce supplies "Taste of Coffee County voters make Schools: (picture) - Elba of Education approves FY2003 Elba" during annual banquet in general election decisions; Water and Electric board Elba residents; (picture) - City Elba Mayor James Grimes proreveals that volunteer utility fee of Elba receives \$8,500 check claims Oct. 7-11 as Public resentative since he will be nets \$5,375 for local schools in from Southeast Alabama Gas National Gas Week; (picture) - moving out of the town limits; first month; Coffee County Company. The Ino Fire Department (picture) - The New Brockton becomes the owner of a new Town Council proclaimed the month of November as

National Hospice Month. Highway 84 project reaches vants receive commendation November 14 - The Coffee July 18 - County emergency Coffee County; City of Elba during New Brockton Town County Board of Education providers encourage residents looking at increased budged Council meeting for their selects Charles Walkers and to properly display home expenses for the year 2002- efforts in helping two individu- Danny Jernigan as chairman address and offer reflective 2003; During Coffee County als during a house fire; Coffee and vice chairman for FY2003; signs as option; Gov. Commission meeting, one County Board of Education The Coffee County Siegelman awards \$298,000 to county resident accuses recognizes students involved Commission selects Robert battle drugs in Coffee and Pike Commissioner Bernest Brooks with the Duke University Stephens as chairman and counties; Law enforcement of disrupting the overall com- Talent Identification Program; Bernest Brooks as vice chairchallenged by increased mission agenda with his contin- (picture) - Local youth get to man for FY2003; Shayne methamphetamine use: ued pursuit of becoming chair learn a bit about livestock and Vaughan Bullard of Elba was Homecoming ceremony held man; Town of Kinston receives agriculture at the annual Coffee killed Nov. 7 in a single vehicle for New Brockton National \$44,759 grant for the construct County Farm City Week accident on Ala. Hwy. 141; tion of a new little league base- Petting Zoo; Employees of The Renewable Environmental ball field and an aquatic play- National Security Group help Solutions LLC announces unite a lost cat with its owner. Enterprise site for facility.

camp in preparation of 60th as they are resurfaced; Crooked October 17 - Elba City Council Fasteners of Elba as its

June 13 - Austin Johnson of on County Rd. 332 in north- begins work; Habitat for Marching Tiger Band partici- Business of the Year. This hears news from water board Elba took flight as he partici- west Coffee County; Elba City Humanity home nearing com- pates in band competition in award and others were present- concerning how the sale of pated in a Young Eagles pro- Council approves the purchase pletion in Elba with help of Brewton, Ala.; Elba Police offi- ed at the annual Farm City Clintonville Tabernacle Water gram at the Elba Fly-in; of a new computer system for volunteers; Commissioner cers discover a methampheta- Week banquet in New Authority to Enterprise will Financial concerns expressed at the police department. Robert Stephens honored for mine lab at the residence of Brockton; Docket call trims effect New Brockton; Several Brent Bedsole of Elba while case load for Elba Division Elba citizens recognized during investigating a felony assault Criminal Jury Term; During the Elba All-Star Lighting members of Elba High School August 1 - (picture) - Elba September 12 - Elba National that also occurred at the resi- city council meeting, citizens Ceremony. spruce up the facility during the Elementary School teacher Guard unit training to use elite dence; Public Health applaud City of Elba officials summer while students are on Debbie Rhoades prepares for military vehicle; (picture) - Department urges citizens to for the manner in which the December 12 - City of Elba the return of students for anoth- Failure to yield causes two- receive their influenza vaccina- Wet/Dry referendum election passes its ordinance controlling

June 27 - Coffee County voters (picture) - Coffee County Several items of drug parapher- Kappa Month; Patsy English of areas; Elba prepares for 15th County Road 359; Four local make their decisions during Probate Judge William nalia confiscated by Elba Elba selected to serve as the Annual Christmas Festival. colleges receive news of primary election runoff; (pic- Gammill presents two employ- Police officers following rou- Youth Development Facilitator tine traffic stop; Coffee County for the Coffee County DECEMBER

Local citizens came out in costume for the annual "Pumpkins on the Square" hosted by the

discovering the animal in the November 21 - The 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week committee named EDSCO

and deputies from the Coffee Transportation held a design County Sheriff's Department public hearing concerning the Education after two terms; help in every way to eliminate ABC board officers arrest Elba observes Red Ribbon of Commerce decorate the the completed structure and (picture) - Katrina Calhoun mosquitoes as West Nile Virus Williams Ralph Rhoades of Week Oct. 26-Nov. 3; (picture) downtown square for the Smith was given the keys to her named to Elba BOE position threat increases; Town of New Kinston on drug charges. - Elba Mayor James Grimes Christmas holidays; Elba City new home; Coffee County proclaims October as Council closes door on open receives news from state conwill solve financial problems. September 19 - (picture) - International Alpha Delta containers of alcohol in public cerning a grant to paved

tival; Coffee County Elba Christmas family.

the sale of alcoholic beverages

Board of Education members Children's Policy Council; December 5 - (picture) - Elba December 19 - The annual clude the annual Christmas fes- Jackson family as the 2002

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last week began with Melanie in the hospital with pneumonia win on their side of the ledger to lead Elba, while Quinton and ended with Mom in the hospital with the flu, and I joked with last week when they traveled to Gavin added 12, Marchello some of the hospital personnel at Elba General that if I had won the Zion Chapel and handed the Reed added 11 and Marcus Lottery the week before I would have just made a donation and had Zion Chapel Rebels a hard Henderson scored 10. Luke the Northeast wing named after the family. There are a lot of mighty fought 64-54 defeat. good folks up there, but a hospital isn't even a real nice place to The win gave the Tigers a 1-5 the Rebels, while Brandon

SPORTING AROUND

*** The Elba Tigers got their first win of the season last week. The two county rivals with a 64-54 win over the winless Rebels of Zion Chapel, and in swapped baskets throughout the spite of the win, it probably wasn't even near one of the best games opening stanza as Elba's Elba (64); English 20, Gavin the Tigers had played. Elba did what it took to win and played hard. Marchello Reed and Zion 12, Kelley 4, Reed 11, Williams However, it looked from the bleachers like the players weren't Chapel's Brandon Arnold both 4. Henderson 10, Rogers 3. enjoying themselves and at times it showed with their play. This scored seven points in the quarteam isn't the best team Elba has put on the court, but it does have ter to lead their teams. The Rayburn 12, Taylor 20, Smith 6, more than enough good high school players to win its share of Rebels carried a slim 14-12 lead. Childs 2, Arnold 42. games, and maybe before long the players will realize it is a game into the second quarter and manand have some fun. I betcha the wins will follow.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers had won only one game heading into the stanza from inside, but the last week's Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament and had a big bulls- Tigers got a spark from Kyle. The Elba Tiger Junior Varsity eye on their backs after winning the event the year before. However, English as the senior guard pen- led all the way to claim an easy the Lady Tigers once again left Zion Chapel with the championship etrated the Rebel defense and 49-14 win over Zion Chapel. trophy as they claimed wins over Ariton and Kinston to defend their scored six points on driving lay. The Tigers jumped out to an 11title. The Lady Tigers are short in height, short in experience and a ups to help Elba grab a 30-29 1 first quarter lead, extended little short in talent, but there isn't a player on the team that ever halftime advantage. backs down from a challenge and it showed in both wins. There isn't English and Quinton Gavin the half and coasted in with the a situation that can take place that these girls are scared of, and it began to score from inside and lopsided 49-14 win. will make a difference on down the line. Good job!

*** Well, Alabama has a new coach and despite the billing it will Tiger duo combined for 15 points to lead Elba, while Clark week as the Tigers grabbed their first win of the season be quite a while before Crimson Tide fans will find out if the "Price" points to lift the Tigers to a 49. Skinner added 14 and Duke Carr is really right. I have always had my doubts any time an SEC school 43 lead heading into the final scored 11. has gone outside the South to get a coach, and Washington State is stanza. Zion Chapel continued Elba (49): Sutley 2, Skinner just about as far from the sunny South as one can get. Coach Price to battle until the final buzzer in 14. Carr 11. Burks 16. Allen 4. Kinston & New Brockton to did say all the right things at his welcoming news conference and its attempt to chalk up a win; Johnson 2. turn very quickly when faced with losses on the football field, and I on 9 of 12 free-throws in the McWaters 1, Fuller 2, Jones 4, compete in Red Level tourney just hope the new Bama head man is tough enough to withstand the fourth quarter and held on for Carter 2.

*** I got the quarterly newsletter from the Alabama High School Athletic Association last week and discovered that for the 13th Elba to close out opening day straight year the number of students taking part in high school athletics has increased on a national level. Football remained the action at 20th annual Dothan largest sport for boys with over one million participants, while for the girls basketball was the top choice with over 456,000 students

Progress/Dothan Eagle Classic taking part. Back a few years ago when the state's began to tighten up their belts concerning academics for athletes there was a big concern the number of players would decline. Wrong!

needed to get rid of some of their pitchers and get some hitters. Well, Dec. 26-31 at the Dothan Civic We will work to be prepared and (Boys Division) this year they did let Tom Glavine get away to the Mets and then let "Center, with a total of sixteen play hard." Kevin Millwood move to the Phillies. They didn't really get any-high school basketball teams. The opening night's schedule thing in return but some more pitchers, and I guess next season I from three states set to compete is as follows: will be singing the same old song.

*** In closing....I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope that the true spirit of the season will find its way. Thursday - Saturday beginning 4:00 - Daleville vs. Whitefield. into your heart and help make it the very best Christmas ever.

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Slide past Zion Chapel 64-54

Elba Tigers snap losing streak

The Elba Tigers finally put a Kyle English scored 20 points record for the season, while the Arnold and Michael Rayburn

Rebels remained winless with both added 12 points.

aged to blank Reed throughout

outside in the third quarter as the Stefaun Burks scored 16 cheerleader Anna Harrison had a reason to smile last

Taylor scored 20 points to pace EL 12 18 19 15 - 64 ZC 14 15 14 11 - 54

their lead to 24-5 by the end of

*** I have been complaining for years that the Atlanta Braves Prep Classic will be held on that may work in our advantage.

for the prestigious title. Four games will be held on THURSDAY, DEC. 26 at 4:00, with the semifinals set Academy for Monday at 6:00 and 7:30, 5:30 - Houston Academy v and the consolation game and Northview title match-up set to tip off 7:00 - Goshen vs. Dothan

"We are proud to be included County in the field for this year's tour-Bledsoe, "and hope to play well ups to tip off on Friday include (Game 7) 4:30 - Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 and begin turning our season Gulf Shores vs. Ashford, around against some of the top. Abbeville vs. Pleasant Home, talent in Alabama, Florida and G.W. Long vs. Headland and Georgia. We didn't get any Enterprise vs. Graceville. on opening night is the biggest

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break in drawing Barbour County in the opening round, Troy State to but we won't back down from any team that we play and will host two youth show up and play to win on Thursday night. The 8:30 game baseball camps

we react and compete against a winter baseball camps. The first from the age of 7-14. These half-day sessions will cover the By Mark Chisum We'll keep things including hitting, pitching and The 2002 racing season has started, in Victory Lane Starting fielding. Steve Garrett, Head come to an end recently at the seventh, Peel steadily moved his Charles Henderson High after final day's events, it was from Jamie Ater on lap eleven. School, will be the head instructime.

training areas. This facility also perch.

at the MVP Center. Troy State the front stretch, sending Coach, Mark Smartt will be the the catch fence along the front fifth in the final rundown. head instructor. TSU Pitching stretch and into the flagstand, Coach Todd Lamberth, Garrett, sending Thomas to the ground. to win the Roadrunner Feature. as well as Ron Pierce, owner of Although Thomas lost his left It was Osborn's sixth feature Troy Baseball will provide addi- index finger and suffered cuts win of the season. Kim Bishop tional instruction. This camp is for all high school players from Mizell Memorial Hospital of Jerry Hudson. Greg Morse for all high school players from the surrounding area and will be a great way to prepare for the upcoming high school season. The day and half camp will be

limited to the first 25 players to leading the event, was awarded record the win. To register, or for more infor- Anderson, followed by Tommy race, Cristy Singletary took the mation, please go to: Adams, Todd Blackburn, and lead on the second lap and went www.troybaseball.com or call David Ashley

The fifth annual Red Level Invitational Christmas Basketball Tournament will be held at Red Level High School on Dec. 26-28. with a total of eight boys and eight girls teams taking part in the three-day event that will include eight games each day. Following are tournament brackets: THURSDAY, DEC. 26 (Girls Division)

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT....Elba Tiger

with a 64-54 victory over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

(Game 1) 9:00 - Pleasant Home vs. Opp. (Game 2) 12:00 - Samson vs. Andalusia Progress/Dothan eagle Holiday there is no pressure to win, and (Game 3) 3:00 Florala vs. New Brockton (Game 4) 6:00 - Red Level vs. Straughn Game 1) 10:30 - T.R. Miller v

(Game 2) 1:30 - Florala vs. Samson (Game 3) 4:30 - Straughn vs. New Brockton (Game 4) 7:30 - Kinston vs. Red Level

(Girls Division) (Game 6) 12:00 - Loser 3 vs. Loser 4 (Game 7) 3:00 - Winner Lvs. Winner 2 beginning on Tuesday at 4:00. 8:30 - Elba vs. Barbour (Game 8) 6:00 - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 nament," said Elba's Coach Karl Other opening round match- (Game 6) 1:30 - Loser 3 vs. Loser 4

> SATURDAY, DEC. 28 (Girls Division)

(Game 9) 9:00 - Loser 5 vs. Loser 6 (Game 10) 12:00 - Winner 5 vs. Winner 6 (Game 11) 3:00 - Loser 7 vs. Loser 8 (Game 12) 6:00 - Winner 7 vs. Winner 8

(Game 9) 10:30 - Loser 5 vs. Loser 6 game on the schedule, and it Troy Baseball announces that (Game 11) 4:30 - Loser 7 vs. Loser 8 (Game 10) 1:30 - Winner 5 vs. Winner 6 will interesting to see how well registration is on-going for two (Game 12) 7:30 - Winner 7 vs. Winner 8

team with the skills of Barbour of these two camps will take place from January 2-4, 2003 SAS racing season ends with and will be available for players horrifying crash on front stretch

Baseball Coach at Troy's South Alabama Speedway and way forward, taking the lead

The events were originally ond, followed by Dwane This camp, as well as the Pre-scheduled for November 11, but Kroger. Doug Rogers and Ken Season High School Camp, will rain caused their postponement. Gibson rounded out the top five. be held at the MVP Training twice. The afternoon came to an Brian Martin scored his 17th Center, located in Troy, AL. abrupt end after a horrifying Street Stock Feature win. Todd This new 2200 square foot facil- crash tore out part of the front Valdez took the early lead while ity has two indoor cages, two stretch catch fence and sent flag- Martin was making his way up pitching mounds and other man Jim Thomas off of his

features a full size baseball Thirteen laps into the Super Valdez to take the lead. Martin Stock Season Championship On January 18-19, 2003, the race, the day's final event, the 1st Annual Pre-Season High cars of Jerry Weatherington and win. Tim Hudson finished sec-School Camp will be conducted Greg Raybren got together on Chad Roberts finished fourth University Assistant Baseball Weatherington's Camaro into in Opp Monday morning and is and Will Mack finished fourth expected to make a full recov- and fifth. ery. Weatherington suffered two In the 25-lap Vintage car fractured ribs in the accident. Feature. Steve Joyner led every

Jody Henderson, who was lap, holding off Andy Bevis to the win. Second went to Scotty In the special Powder Puff

finished the season where he

Ater was able to hold on to sec-

from the sixth starting spot. On

then pulled away for an easy

lap 12, Martin got inside of

THE ELBA CLIPPER . THURSDAY, DECEMBER 34 AUGUS

SPORTS At Zion Chapel tournament

he tournament action:

Elba Lady Tiger Ayonna Proctor icoks to get past a a 44-31 win Kinston defender in Elba's 41-38 overtime win over the Ayonna Proctor connected on lead at 20-14 with 2:07 left Christmas Tournament.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist Match the proper

Every year quite a few Alabama hunters find out why their shoot points. ing skills have been below par, "Cross-dominance" is often the Elba (44): Lawford 6. Bulldog lead, and when the rim and the teams headed. Mack both scored 12 points to problem. When shooting at aerial targets, whether live birds or clay. Proctor 20, Mack 4, Thigpen 7, LaGina Mack drilled a three- into overtime with the score lead. Elba, while Elizabeth targets, our dominant eye transmits information about the target to Reynolds I. Ware 6.

Fortunately for most of us the dominant eye corresponds with the Johnson 18. Baxter 2, Elba extended its lead to 28- Proctor and a long bucket from Elba (41). Lawford 4 dominant hand" so to speak. Most people who are right handed. Richardson 3. have a dominant right eye and vice versa. The problem in shooting CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: driving lay-up by Shay Lawford helped the Lady 8, Ware 4 Determining the master or dominant eye is quite simple. Extend KINSTON 38 object stays in the circle your right eve is dominant, if the object

to stand facing you while you center their nose in a circle made with that has linked Weiss Lake's years." your thumb and index finger. When the other person looks back at crappie population to the weath. At the heart of the matter are are more productive when crappie population, this year for you through the circle you have made, the eye that the other person er could be the key to helping the lake's water levels from there's plenty of rain and the the first time is releasing 70,000. lines up on through the circle is your master eye. Cross-dominance the 30,200-acre northeast winter through early spring, water level is higher." Maceina crappie (left eved and right handed or vice versa) can be corrected or com- Alabama reservoir maintain its Alabama Power traditionally said. "By keeping the water As Maceina pointed out, how pensated for relatively easily. The best way is to change shoulders fittle as "the crappie capital of has drawn Weiss Lake down by level up and mimicking nature, ever, that's an average of on to match up with the dominant eye. This suggestion is often not the world." received well, especially with older shooters, but it is much easier to Weiss Lake, an Alabama protect cities downstream from the fish into thinking it's a wel. "The only permanent

My son, Benji, was a decent marksman when he first started on the Coosa River, long has been Alabama's rainy season. for reproducing." shooting (right handed) with a BB gun and .22 rifle, but I knew been a hotbed for crappie, luring But in years when that rain ... Trap-net catches early next process something was wrong when we started shooting clay targets. The anglers from throughout the doesn't materialize, Weiss' year will give the first indicaproblem was cross-dominance. He was right handed with a domi- Southeast and beyond and sub- water level remains low, and tions as to whether the first year nant left eye. I persuaded him to try shooting left handed and his sequently pumping tens of mil- that apparently disturbs the of raising the lake's elevation shooting score improved considerably after shooting left handed lions of dollars into Cherokee spawning practices for crappie. was effective in boosting repro-

Shooters who have cross-dominance but feel they just cannot. Over the years, though, crappie ings. Alabama. Power held. If the higher winter water levels switch shoulders can place a patch or small strip of tape on the catch rates on Weiss Lake have. Weiss Lake's water level a foot do make the crappic more proglasses of the dominant eye so that it blots out the target, forcing the run the gamut from high to low, above normal for about 10 days. life, it would be another two other eye to take over and temporarily become the dominant eye. In a study funded by the in January 2002 following years before that affects anglers' Those of us who are fortunate enough to not have a cross-domi- Alabama Department of heavy rains. The company, in catch rates, since regulations on

If you are right eyed/right handed mount your shotgun and close Resources, AU Fisheries profes- Corps of Engineers, closely be at least 10 inches long to your right eye. The problem is instantly obvious. If you have a friend who is shooting poorly, ask them if they ing the reasons for the down ensure that all flood control Meanwhile, the Weiss Lake know which eye is dominant. You just may help them improve their years in the crappie population.

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Elba Lady Tigers defend title

The Elba Lady Tigers com- five quick points in overtime to peted in the Zion Chapel grab the lead and survived a Christmas Tournament last last-second three-point shot to week at Zion Chapel High claim the championship with an School and defended their tour-exciting 41-38 overtime win nament title by posting two big over the Kinston Lady wins over Ariton and Kinston. Bulldogs.

The Tigers entered the tour- Elba jumped out to an early nament with a 1-5 record, but 10-4 lead on the three-point came to life in the four-team shooting of Lagina Mack and event and defeated Ariton 44 Shay Thigpen, but the Lady 31 and Kinston 41-38, in over- Tigers failed to score over the ime, to repeat as tournament final four minutes of the stan-Following are highlights of lied behind the inside scoring

OPENING ROUND: ARITON 31 The Elba Lady Tigers opened the game at 14-12 with 4:12 tournament on Thursday remaining in the half on a

night against the Ariton Lady short, jumper by Smith,

battled the Lady Tigers on even with a 21-20 lead.

Cats and led all the way to post However, Elba answered with opening stanza to help Elba Thigpen. Kinston's Elizabeth bomb in the second quarter as " scored six points in the final the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament, the Lady Tigers went in at the two minutes as the Lady half with a 25-14 lead. Ariton. Bulldogs went in at the half, three-pointer by Ramsi Smith. Elba appeared to be in com-

terms throughout the third. Both teams struggled early in the see-saw affair with 1:07 - 2:49. left on the clock. quarter, but was unable to cut in the third quarter, but left on the clock on a long Kinston's Samantha Wambles into the Elba lead, and then Kinston began to find its range three-pointer, but Kinston cut the Elba lead to 41-38 with watched as Elba regained com- midway through the stanza, again refused to fold and 16 remaining, and the Lady mand late and rolled to the sur- and led by two quick baskets pulled even at 36-36 with 55. Bulldogs had one last chance prisingly easy 44-31 win. ______by Meagan King opened up a __remaining on a Meagan King __to pull even, only to see a fast Avonna Proctor scored 20 25-20 lead with 4:46 left in the basket. Elba held the ball for second three-pointer fall short points to lead Elba, while T. quarter. A basket by Elba's the final shot and got a good as the Lady Tigers escaped

pointer with :45 remaining tied at 36-36. Ariton (31): Liptrot 9, Elba was back in front 26-25. A free-throw by Avonna points

za, and the Lady Bulldogs ralof Ramsi Smith to pull even at

Lady Bulldogs in the finals of the Zion Chapel a pair of three-pointers in the thanks to the play of Ayonna Elba Lady Tiger Danae Ware passes to a teammate jump out to an 11-6 lead, and Farris began to find room after finding the baseline blocked by Kinston's added another three-point inside late in the half and Elizabeth Farris in last week's championship game of

> Elba went back on top 36-34 mand with a 41-36 lead with Johnson led Ariton with 18. Whitney Lawford with 4:13 look at the basket, but a three- with the 41:38 win. remaining cut into the Lady pointer by Mack bounced off Ayonna Proctor and LaGin

25 with 7:12 remaining on a the corner by Whitney Proctor 12, Mack 12, Thigpen

Thigpen, only to see Kinston. Tigers take a quick 39-36 lead. Kinston (38): Hunke battle right back and take a 32- in the extra period, and when Smith 7. Wambles 4, Marlov The Elba Lady Tigers scored 28 lead with 4:15 left on a Proctor scored after a steal, 8, King 8, Farris 10.

Research by Auburn University links Weiss Lake object stays in the circle your right eye is dominant, if the object seems to jump out of the circle several inches, then the left eye is crappie population with weather and water levels

sor Mike Maceina is investigat- monitored the reservoir levels to keep. "In a lake like Weiss that isn't

stocked with fish, reproduction success and good growth rates are essential to keeping the fishery viable," said Maceina, a researcher with the Alabama Station. "In tracking the crappie population in Weiss Lake over the past 12 years, we have found that reproduction success

County's economy each year. Prompted by Maceina's find-ductive success, Maceina said. nant problem can create a simple scenario to simulate the problem. Conservation and Natural consultation with the U.S. Army Weiss Lake require that crappie

"For whatever reason, crappie effort to address the wann Power Company impoundment flooding in what historically has year and, therefore, a good year tion," Maceina said, "is to

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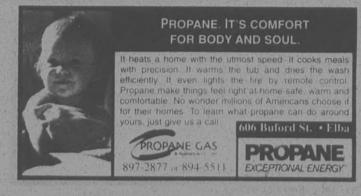
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COMMUNITY NEWS



BRANTLEY'S IST ANNUAL FRONT PORCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, sponsored by the Front listed at the end. Good luck and Clue 1: Usually eaten in small has a sandy texture due to the Porch Garden Club, was held Nov. 21 at Brantley High School. Forty-four girls competed in five dif-happy holidays!

Winners were: Petite Miss (ages 2-4) - Bailey Bryan, daughter of Kevin and Katie Bryan; Little Miss Holiday Food #1 grades K-3) - Jacy Kelley, daughter of Tony and Nancy Kelley, Mini Miss (grades 4-6) - Lindsey Clue 1: What is oval and smell (to some people). McVay, daughter of Levon and Cindy McVay, Junior Miss (grades 7-9). Kasey Free, daughter of Jim creamy-white with a distinctive. Clue 3: It is available in both imagination. and Tonya Free, and Miss Christmas (grades 10-12) - Amy Walker, daughter of Steve and Jama Walker. dark spot? Pictured Front Row, L-R: Little Miss Jacy Kelley, Petite Miss Bailey Bryan Back Row, L-R: Mini Miss Lindsey McVay, Miss Christmas Amy Walker, and Junior Miss Kasey vegetable flavor.

WCC respiratory therapy program holds recognition ceremony

The WCC respiratory thera- ects the need for 46,000 more: tered respiratory therapist proallied health field. Odom said, exciting and rewarding experi-The U.S. Bureau of Labor projeences," said Odom. "A regis-

pist program recently held its therapists by the year 2006, and vides expert assistance to physi-

awards and recognition ceremo- respiratory therapy is consid- cians and nurses in the treatment helps stops bleeding. ny at Southeast Alabama ered one of the hottest jobs in of patients who have diseases or Medical Center in Dothan, the healthcare industry," disorders, of the heart, and According to program direc. Wallace offers one of only lungs." Odom noted that jobs Drayton Odom, graduates, five respiratory therapist pro- are available not only in hospiwill receive an applied science grams available in the state of tals, but also in home healthdegree and will be prepared to. Alabama "A career as a respi-care, extended-care facilities, move into the vastly growing ratory therapist offers many day clinics and physician

NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FOLKS

tures and colors (Fraser Photinia

Ala, recently reported for duty Elba High School of Elba, Ala, JEREMY P. SASSER with 2nd Radio Battalion, and joined the Marine Corps in Marine Corps Pfc, Jeremy P. Marine, Corps Base, Camp December 2001. Sasser, son of Dennis P. Sasser Lejeune, N.C.

of 522 County Road 428, Elba, Sasser is a 2001 graduate of Corner plantings for your home

Stan Windham County Extension Agent

do-it-yourself landscaping, 2. Choose plants that will fit and Cleyera). many people simply choose the corner when they mature. 6. Choose plants to accent shrubs and trees which are their Don't overplant. Many people your house style. If your house favorites without really consid- choose shrubs that are attractive is formal, make certain you use ering how those plants will fit when small but that may com- formal plants such as boxwoods. into their total landscape. When pletely cover the house 10 years If your house is informal, use choosing plants for the corners; later. Corner plants generally such naturalistic plants as

mental factors, such as sun nance.

plants such as azaleas, camel- or fragrance. But be sure flower lias, hollies and magnolias can- colors will not clash. not stand wet soils for an 5. Choose plants that look and In and around Coffee County extended period of time Avoid grow well together, for exammany folks have asked about planting such plants in locations ple, ones with contrasting corner plantings. When land- which do not have good shapes, heights and foliage texscaping your home, this is an drainage Also, locations that ture (Foster's Hybrid Holly, area that must be carefully teceive full sun on a cold frosty. Blue Pfitzer Juniper, and planned to create a pleasing morning will cause the foliage Andorra Creeping Juniper) or

of your home, there are several should be two-thirds the height camellias and azaleas. Yuccas of the eave when mature.

1. Choose plants that are com- 3. Choose plants that require ture, yews and mountain patible with existing environ- little pruning or other mainte- andromeda complement conexposure, temperature, drainage 4: Choose shrubs or trees for If you have any questions and soil type. Keep in mind that seasonal effects, such as flowers give me a call at 894-5596.

of camellias and azaleas to be ones with similar shapes, tex-

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should check with the Board to still there is no certainty they see if a contractor is licensed will get relief.

Every day Alabamians are and bonded as required by state. It can become a life threatenbeing cheated by more than law before having a heating or ing matter if persons who are ill 1,000 unlicensed heating and air air conditioning unit installed, are left with no heat or air conconditioning contractors: that's repaired or serviced. It will only ditioning. Unfortunately, the I out of 6 contractors who do take a second to call their toll elderly and those who are uninnot hold a license or are bonded free number, 1-866-855-1912 to formed about installations are to work in or around your home make sure a contractor rather targeted. and/ or business. It can end up than hiring an uncertified con- Prevent being taken by an costing thousands of dollars to tractor who would leave you unlicensed contractor by being with leaking ceilings, wires informed. Consumers have also

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The Board was created in a mess behind. There is no reimburse for money spent on 1982 to assist consumers and recourse for the consumer installation, repair or service by licensed contractors. Consumers unless they hire an attorney and an uncertified contractor.

Elba resident participates in Ranger Challenge

Jep Dubose of Elba participated in the Ranger Challenge, which is a grueling three-day competition in Camp Shelby, Mississippi between twenty-two universities. Each college sends a nine-person team with two alternates to compete in this annual Southeast Ranger Challenge Competition. Jep is a member of the Auburn team. which took fifth place. The team finished first in the physical training test and third in rifle

Favorite holiday foods discussed

Angela G. Hughes County Extension Agent

See how many foods you can guess correctly. Answers are Holiday Food #3

Clue 3: A traditional favorite potatoes and meats such as bly the most familiar variety n the American South; consid- hams. ered "soul food." Clue 4: Usually cooked with Holiday Food #4 ham and vegetables in the South Clue 1: This food is a type of Pears. on New Year's Day for good hickory, native to North

Holiday Food #2 Clue 1: The fruit was used as female flowers. an astringent on wounds and Clue 3: This food is produced Clue 2: The Indians used the Clue 4: Some are shaped like fruit as a source of dye. large olives, and others are Clue 3: This food grows on sharply pointed or oblong.

family which include azaleas. roasted.

Clue 2: The flowers on the tree are separate male and

America.

from this fruit and are popular pralines or pies. Holiday Food #5 Clue 1: The flesh of the food

Clue 2: This brownish prod- Clue 2: It has unlimited use uct has a pleasant flavor and such as in salads, main dishes or liquid and dehydrated forms. Clue 3: A favorite when eaten Clue 2: When cooked, it has a Clue 4: It is used in baked out of hand like an apple. beans, and in glazes for sweet Clue 4: The Bartlett is proba-

Clue 4: Juice-drinks are made Clue 6: Best when eaten in

Answers: Black-Eyed Peas: Cranberries: Molasses; Pecans:

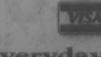
viny plants that belong to a large Clue 5: Can be eaten raw or

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